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The Review of Reviews.

The Review of Reviews, in the presidential campaign, fills a place in magazine literature that no other publication attempts to fill. It is a complete and accurate record of all the strategic moves in the game of national and state politics. The July and August numbers dealt with the careers and personalities of the candidates; the September number treats of the plans and methods of the managers, the personnel of the national committees, and the actual work of the canvass. The complex situations in Missouri and Colorado, as well as the problems of national party organization in the opposing camps, are discussed editorially, while an illuminating article on Chairman Taggart and the Democratic committee organization is contributed by James P. Hornady, with a similar study of Chairman Corley and the Republican campaign plans by Albert Halstead. A unique addition to the literature of the campaign is the interesting summary of European press comment on President Roosevelt by Louis E. Van Norman, with reproductions of foreign cartoons. Elsewhere in the magazine appear many American cartoons depicting various phases of our great quadrennial battle for votes.

Sprains.

S. A. Read, Cisco, Texas, writes: "My wrist was sprained so badly by a fall that it was useless; and after using remedies that failed to give relief, used Ballard's Snow Liniment, and was cured. I earnestly recommend it to any one suffering from sprains." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by R. C. Hardwick.

SEES THE SIGHTS.

Mountain Preacher Visits Louisville and Gets in Awful Bad--Drugged and Robbed.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 30.—Divested of a gold watch and chain valued at \$100, a gold-headed cane valued at \$20 and \$70 in money, the Rev. Tom M. Meyers, of Corbin, Ky., returned to his home yesterday afternoon accompanied by his son, who came to Louisville to find that his parent had been drugged and robbed by two crooks and left in a cornfield ten miles from Louisville without a cent of money.

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HOPE FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

South Africans Do Not Despair of the Future of Their Country--Present Depression.

A severe depression affects business in the Transvaal and Orange river colonies, says the Baltimore Sun. The boom expected after the close of the war has not materialized owing to the impracticability of getting Kaffirs enough to work the mines to the extent to which they were worked before the Boer war. Revenue has fallen behind expenditure to the amount of over \$1,000,000, and it has been found necessary to defer the beginning of the repayment of part of the cost of the war. Still the output of gold increases monthly, and the recent authorization of the importation of Chinese laborers for the mines inspires hope. After a time the present deficiency of 30,000 laborers will be supplied from Asia, and the stamps now idle will begin to be "dropped."

This is the view of the Engineering and Mining Journal: "Affairs in South Africa," says our mining contemporary, "appear to be shaping themselves in a manner favorable to the advancement of that great mining region. In Cape Colony the majority secured by the progressive party in the recent elections for the house of assembly indicates that the power of the Afrikaner bond is broken, and that the intrigues of that insidious group of politicians will no longer hold back the best of the Dutch people from joining with the English in furthering the real interests of the country. The Boers of the Transvaal were good foes and are now loyal coworkers with those who fought them."

"Should the war in the east not interfere with the arrangements for securing Chinese—and it need not, for they will come chiefly from the southern provinces of China—then a revival in activity may be expected at Johannesburg." Meanwhile Rhodesia advances steadily. The gold output improves. The Wankie coal mine is found to afford great relief to the railways and to various industries which have had to pay almost prohibitive prices for fuel. The Zambesi is being bridged. When this is done the copper mines north of that stream are expected to do a profitable business.

AN EXPENSIVE HERITAGE.

Italy Has Curious Laws Regarding Wills--Inheritance Costs More Than It Brings.

In Italy it appears to be a somewhat expensive affair to inherit money; that is, if it be a small sum. Not long ago a young man died in the little town of Romagna, who left one lire 58 centesimi, or not quite 34 cents. This sum, which had been deposited in the postoffice savings bank, became the property of the young man's father. As the amount was so small the father thought it unnecessary to make a declaration of the legacy as the law prescribes, especially as the stamped paper on which the declaration must be made would cost about 22 centesimi more than the money involved.

Three months afterward he received a demand from the local state treasury for the payment of 14 lire 48 centesimi—nearly \$3. Thinking a mistake had been made, he took no notice of this demand, with the result that later an official called upon him and demanded the immediate payment of 18 lire—\$3.75. The father had not sufficient money in hand, so the official took possession of the man's furniture. The cost of this seizure brought the total sum to 30 lire, which the poor man had to pay that same evening to avoid the sale of his goods by auction.

The Magic of Carbon.

Steel is cast iron, half-way on toward wrought-iron. It has some of the stiff, harsh, stubborn traits of the cast-iron, combined with the bending, yielding qualities of the wrought-iron, and inherits from its pig-iron forefather the family trait of absorbing carbon. Carbon, then, in varying proportions, is the great distinguishing mark between iron and steel. The subtle play of this element, as found in steel, is one of the most marvelously fascinating exhibitions of natural phenomena. The smallest quantity, changed in the slightest degree, produces effects as different as night from day.—St. Nicholas.

FAMOUS GEM WILL BE CUT.

Jagersfontein Excelsior Diamond Is About to Be Subdivided--Was a Big Stone.

Great interest has been awakened among the owners of large diamonds by the announcement that the largest of these gems known is about to be thrown upon the market piecemeal. This stone is known as the "Jagersfontein Excelsior," and it is to be severed into sixteen parts.

The stone was held for ten years before its owner could make satisfactory arrangements for its cutting, which has now been undertaken by a firm in Amsterdam, Holland. It was transported from London to Amsterdam under special police protection, and a carpeted room, with a specially made safe, has been provided for its care during the progress of cutting and polishing. The responsibility of handling and guarding so precious a stone may be gathered from the fact that its value may be almost anything. When discovered it was estimated to be worth \$1,000,000, but in its finished state it will command a fabulous price.

The story of the discovery of this wonderful gem is of no little interest. It was found on June 30, 1893, at Jagersfontein, in the Orange Free State, South Africa. The stone was picked up by a native while he was loading a truck, and although a white overseer was standing near him, he managed to secrete it and keep it on his person for some time. In this case, however, it did not appear that he proposed stealing the gem, but only wished to deliver it personally to the manager. This he did, and as a bonus he received \$750 and a horse, saddle and bridle.

The diamond weighed in the rough exactly 917 1/2 carats, or about 7.13 ounces avoirdupois. It is of a beautiful bluish white color and shaped like the broken off end of an icicle. The diamondiferous monster measures three inches in length, one and one-half inches in thickness, two and one-half inches in greatest breadth and one and one-third inches in least breadth. The Excelsior has now been broken into 16 pieces, the three largest of which are 158, 147 and 130 carats, respectively. These individual gems in themselves of extraordinary size, will be, when fully cut and polished, among the finest in the world.

Growth of the Great West.

In 1850 the country beyond the Mississippi was a waiting wilderness. To-day, with Alaska, it is three-quarters of the area of the country. It has more than a quarter of the people, one-third the number of farms, half the improved farm area and nearly half the farm value. The population has grown 957 per cent in 50 years—from 1,500,000 to 22,000,000. Missouri, Iowa and Louisiana exceed in density of population the general average. Ten cities beyond the Mississippi exceed 100,000 population. The mineral products of the west in the census year were \$114,000,000. California has yielded one-eighth of the world's total gold produced since Columbus.—New York World.

The Mikado's Gigantic Guard.

The Koreans are a big race, and the upper class have European features and fair complexion. Min has a secretary who resembles in stature, fair hair and straight features the late Emperor Frederick. The six-foot-high servants of the emperor of Japan, who attend at state receptions in liveries borrowed from those of the Emperor Napoleons domestics, are Koreans. If the Japanese secure what they are now after they will have Korean drum-majors in their army and maybe a Korean palace corps like the Cent Garde at the Tuilleries. The Japanese must seem pigmies among Prince Min's compatriots.—London Truth.

Boston's 400.

I can remember when it was jocosely said of some families of Massachusetts that they claimed to have had, in the time of Noah's deluge, a boat to themselves; and I can recall, on the other hand, when a social aspirant in Boston asked, "Who belong to the really old families, grandmamma?" and when that relative shook her weary head and said, "Mostly no one, my dear."—Thomas Wentworth Higginson, in Atlantic.

UNBENDING OF A STATUE.

Being a Brief Account of a Meeting Between a Coachman and a Dog.

Here was a coachman sitting on his box in an attitude of immovable rigidity and holding his whip at an angle equally unchangeable apparently, says the New York Sun.

He was driving up Fifth avenue. And to see him as he was then you would have thought that had an earthquake occurred under the rear wheels of his brougham and slewed the body of it around at right angles with the team he would have driven on, just the same. But:

When a big, rough coated, black dog came bounding along in the street at his off horse's side and began barking at the horses, the coachman who had seemed so immovable changed his attitude slightly, and, with lightning-like swiftness, threw his whip over and down, making the long lash of it curl neatly and snugly around the big black dog's body. And then he and his whip came back, as on stiff springs, to just the same positions as before.

It was not a cruel blow, but it was sharp enough to make the dog think. But it might have been a chance hit. Drivers often lash at dogs, and almost as often miss them; and the dog kept on bounding at the horse's side, and kept on barking; and then:

Once more the coachman shifted his attitude slightly, and over came that whip again, and down, with an absolutely unerring accuracy: its long lash curling around the black dog's body again, and this time stinging right smartly. And then again did coachman and whip spring back, as at first.

And this time the dog understood fully, and drew off, with tail wagging, but rather feebly; while the passers-by on the sidewalk who had seen the incident smiled rather more heartily.

And the coachman? He drove on up Fifth avenue in an attitude of immovable rigidity, holding his whip at an angle equally unchangeable apparently. If you had seen him then you would surely have thought that, even if an earthquake occurred under the rear wheels of his brougham and slewed the body of it around at right angles with the team, he would have driven right on, just the same.

ONE-FAMILY SETTLEMENT.

In India the Sons Remain Under the Parental Roof Even After Marriage.

No one is a separate unit in India. The son never leaves the parental roof-tree, says Everybody's Magazine. All marry—marriage with them is as death and birth, inevitable—and their children are added to the family. There are always widowed aunts, other grandparents—no relative is ever left to shift for himself in India—so that households of 150 are not uncommon. Add almost as many servants, and we have an idea of the occupation and cares of the mistress of such a home. The servants' quarters surround the yard or "compound," and the ladies of the household care for them as did the stately dames of old Virginia in the plantation life before the war. The great zenana courtyards stretch back to fruit and vegetable gardens, and there are tanks or artificial ponds where ladies and children bathe in seclusion. Blossoming trees rise above hedges that jealously guard these sacred retreats, where a family may sport in private with freedom unknown to us and suited to their shy, poetic, playful natures that only unfold when with each other, caring as little to see the world outside as to be seen by it.

Education in Russian Empire.

According to the latest statistics there are 84,544 public schools in the empire of Russia, out of which number 40,131 are under the jurisdiction of the ministry of public education, 42,588 under the jurisdiction of the holy synod, and the remainder under other departments. Of the pupils, 73,167 were adults, 3,291,694 boys and 1,203,902 girls. The teachers number 172,900. The maintenance of all these schools costs more than \$25,000,000. The average school tax for city schools is \$9.50 and for village schools \$5 a pupil.

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